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Applicant: John J. Halftown, et al.

Title: LOW DP FOOD CASING FROM HIGH SOLIDS VISCOSE

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/723,681, filed November 28, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

The prior application is assigned of record to Teepak Properties, LLC, a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 11, 2002 at 012590/0515.

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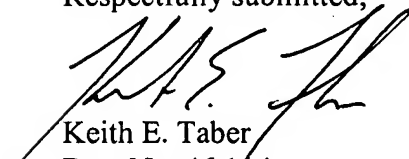
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